

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of providing a graphical user interface to an operating system of a computer having a video screen, comprising the steps of:

- a. providing an operating system user interface manipulable by a user,
- b. providing a frame controlled by the operating system, the frame including a graphical representation of an item and a slot,
- c. placing a textual property of the item in the slot responsive to a user selecting the textual property, and
- d. displaying a view of the frame on the video screen.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of displaying the view in a folder view display of a graphical environment on the video screen.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of displaying the view in an array on the video screen.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the operating system sorts the frames by the user-selected property.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein the frame provides a plurality of sortable properties of the item.

Claims 6 – 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable components comprising:

- a. a database component for storing properties specific to a first item type and properties specific to a second item type with the properties specific to the second item type different from the set of properties specific to the first item type,
- b. a first control component for providing a graphic user interface on a video screen,
- c. a second control component for displaying the properties of an item of the first item type on the video screen,
- d. a user interface component for requesting the display of the properties of the item on the video screen responsive to a request from a user, and
- e. wherein the first control component is configured to retrieve the stored properties specific to the first item type from the database component and is configured to send the properties to the second control component, and
- f. wherein the second control component is configured to display the properties in a frame on the video screen.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the user interface component requests a sorted arrangement of the properties of the item on the video screen.

Claim 12 (Original): The computer-readable medium of claim 11 having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

receiving a sort request from the user,
sorting the properties by the sort request, and
displaying the sorted properties on the video screen.

Claim 13-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): In an operating system configured to support a plurality of file types, a method for displaying a listing of a file of one of the plurality of file types, wherein a set of relevant properties of each file type is stored by the operating system, the method comprising:

receiving a user selection of a textual property for the file type of the file; and
in response to the user selection, displaying the selected textual property in the vicinity of
with a graphical representation of the file,
wherein the set of relevant properties for one of the file types is different from the set of
relevant properties of another of the file types.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein said receiving includes receiving the user selection of the property from a list of the relevant properties of the file type.

Claim 22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20 further comprising ordering the set of files based on the displayed property.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 20.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 1.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 20, wherein the set of relevant properties for one of the file types is different from the set of relevant properties of the other file types.

Claim 27 (New): A method for displaying items in a computer operating system, the method comprising the steps of:

- associating a first item type with a first property;
- associating a second item type with a second property, wherein the first property is different from the second property and not associated with the second item type;
- displaying a listing of a plurality of items, wherein the plurality of items comprises a first item of the first item type and a second item of the second item type;
- displaying for each item in the listing a graphical representation, a name, and a slot;
- displaying in the slot of the first item a textual value for the first property of the first item;
and
- displaying in the slot of the second item a textual value for the second property of the second item.

Claim 28 (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the first item type comprises a first file format and the second item type comprises a second file format.